

I favor the "fairness doctrine" and oppose change in media ownership rules. Proposed rule changes, in my opinion, will reduce free speech, not enhance it. Concentration of media ownership means one company could possibly own all the radio and TV stations, newspapers and cable systems in a given area. I believe if the new rules are passed there will be a rash of corporate mergers and takeovers that will further limit the public's voice. We may end up having a handful of people providing news for the entire country. I fear we will lose diversity of opinions and ideas. I believe the proposed rule change will tend to stifle minority opinion in our country.